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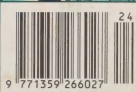
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As you can see, it's a great **SUPERMAN NOTE PAD**. You can pretend to be a newspaper reporter like **Clark Kent**, and write down notes about things you want to remember to do. Or jot down some messages for friends or someone in your family!

We have an exciting comic strip story to kick off this issue. It's called *Gotham Beat* and stars **Police Commissioner Gordon**. The commissioner summons **Batman** with the Bat-Signal, but the Dark Knight does not show up. Without Batman's help, Commissioner Gordon decides to go on a dangerous mission by himself in this story of tension and bravery.

Would you feel safe in a building run completely by a computer—and a computer which has gone crazy, at that!? Perhaps not! But **Clark Kent**, **Lois Lane** and a party of people are trapped in just such a building. **Superman** has a real battle on his hands fighting against the building's computer-run defence systems in the story, *High Rise*.

Once again we have an exciting **COMPETITION** in which there's a chance to win **BATMAN AND SUPERMAN PLAYSUITS** as well as some Superman **PLAY TENTS!** What are you waiting for?

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GOTHAM BEAT

It had been a busy night for the Gotham City Police.

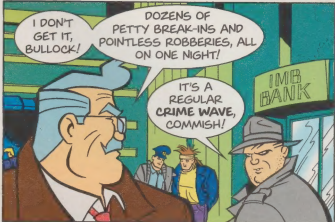
THIS IS COMMISSIONER GORDON OF THE G.C.P.D!

COME OUT AND KEEP YOUR HANDS WHERE WE CAN SEE THEM!



WE'LL COME QUIETLY, MAN!

YEAH! DON'T SHOOT.



I DON'T GET IT, BULLOCK!

DOZENS OF PETTY BREAK-INS AND POINTLESS ROBBERIES, ALL ON ONE NIGHT!

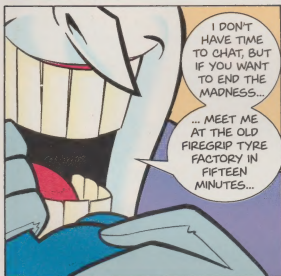
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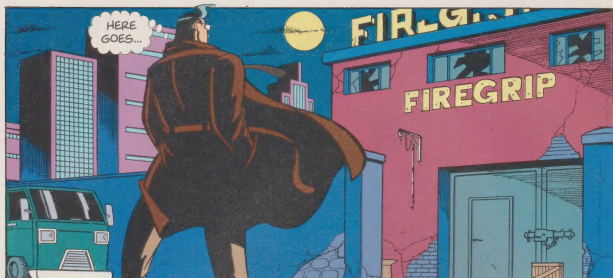


IT'S ALMOST LIKE SOMEONE'S TRYING TO KEEP US BUSY.



The city, gripped by a crime wave planned by the Joker, and Batman busy elsewhere. It was fast turning into the worst night Gordon could remember.



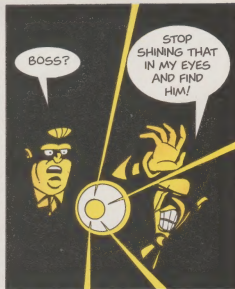
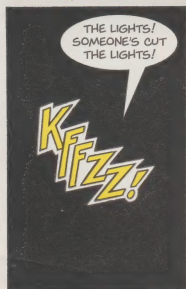
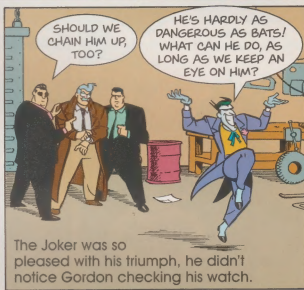


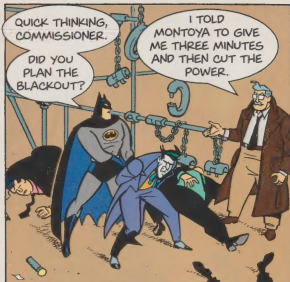
Gordon realised why Batman had not answered his signal. The Joker had captured him!





The Joker explained it all to Gordon. He had set out to capture the only two men in Gotham who seriously threatened his career in crime.



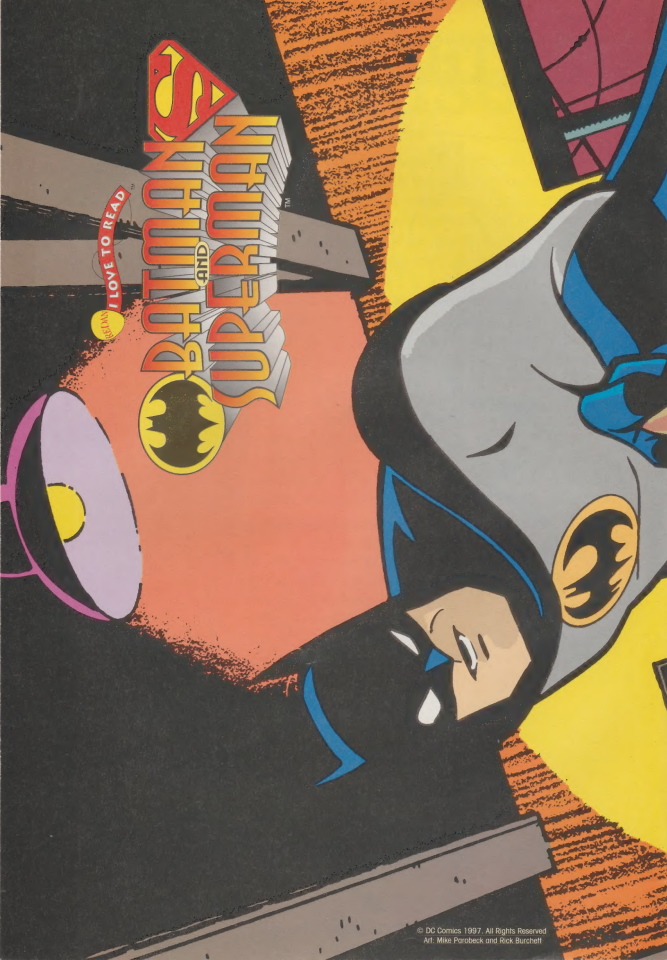


SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the **10** differences between these two pictures of Batman and the Joker?



Answers: 1. The Joker's tie, 2. The hair over the Joker's ear, 3. The bottom teeth in the left-hand mirror, 4. The nostril in the centre mirror, 5. The top of the frame of the centre mirror, 6. The tongue in the centre mirror, 7. The top lip in the right-hand mirror, 8. The bottom of the frame of the right-hand mirror, 9. The highlight on Batman's neck, 10. Batman's belt.



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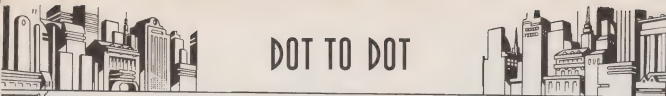
WHO'S HIDDEN?

Write the correct answers to the clues in the small boxes. The letters in the shaded boxes will reveal the name of one of Gotham City's upholders of the law. All the words used come from the story, *Gotham Beat*.

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		7	C	A	S	H					

1. A dangerous mad person.
2. A large building where things are made.
3. The opposite of day.
4. To take someone prisoner.
5. Someone who you work with.
6. Thick rubber fitted to wheels.
7. Money in the form of notes and coins.





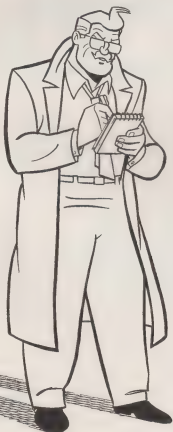
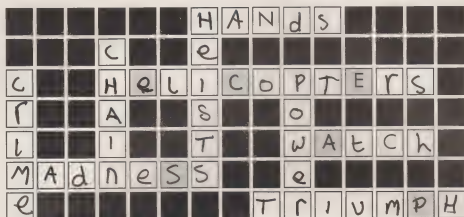
DOT TO DOT

Join the dots to complete this picture of the evil villain, the Joker.



FIT THEM IN

All the words in the boxes below come from the story *Gotham Beat*. See if you can fit them all into the grid of squares. If you complete the puzzle correctly, the letters in the shaded boxes will spell the dream of many a prisoner!



5 LETTERS

HANDS
CRIME
POWER
CHAIN
WATCH

6 LETTERS

HEISTS

7 LETTERS

MADNESS
TRIUMPH

11 LETTERS

HELICOPTERS

The letters spell:

E S C A P E

BEAT WORDS

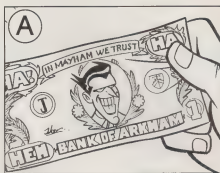
All the answers to the clues below rhyme with the word BEAT, as in the story *Gotham Beat*. See how many you can solve and write the answers in the spaces provided.

1. Another word for tidy : neat
2. They are at the end of your legs : feet
3. You sit on this : seat
4. To consume food : eat
5. A grain used to make flour : wheat
6. Shortened boy's name : Pete
7. The sound sheep make : Bleat
8. Animal flesh : Meat
9. Fire makes this : heat
10. To lie and be dishonest : ~~steal~~ cheat
11. To go somewhere to greet someone : meet



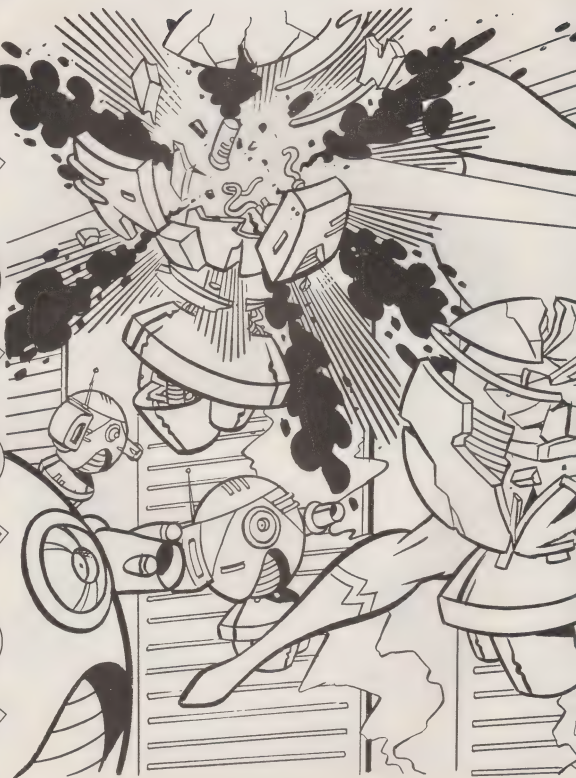
ALL MIXED UP

These pictures have been taken from this month's comic strip story. Put them in the **correct order (1-7)** and write the letter from each picture in the boxes below to find a word used in the story.



F	A	C	T	O	R	Y
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

COLOURING



Colour in this explosive picture of Superman fighting the drones from the story, *High Rise*.



MEMORY GAME

In the story, *High Rise*, Nixon Goss said he liked animals. Look carefully at this page for one minute and try to memorise all the different animals. Then close the magazine and try to write down the names of all the animals you can remember. Play the game with a friend, and see who can remember the most.

GIRAFFE



OSTRICH



TIGER



RHINOCEROS



ZEBRA



WHALE



FISH



APE



LION



ELEPHANT



ALPHABET GAME

We use dictionaries to look up words we don't understand. To make it easier, the dictionary is arranged in alphabetical order from **A** to **Z**. Arrange the animals below in alphabetical order.

OSTRICH
ELEPHANT
JACKAL
PORCUPINE
CAMEL
KANGAROO
TIGER
YAK
BAT

HORSE
VULTURE
FLAMINGO
ZEBRA
QUAIL
DONKEY
ANTEATER
NEWT
WHALE

REINDEER
UNICORN
XENICIADAE
GIRAFFE
MOUSE
SNAKE
IGUANA
LION



A Ant eater

B AT

C Amel

D onkey

E lephant

F _____

G _____

H _____

I _____

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Z _____

FIND THE FACT

Solve the eight clues and fit the answers into the grid below. If you solve all the clues correctly, by cross-referencing the letters at the top of the grid with the numbers down the side, you will find corresponding letters (e.g. F4=T and G8=R). Put the correct letters in the boxes at the bottom of the page to reveal an interesting fact.

All the words come from the story, *High Rise*.

1. A very tall building.
2. Secret code.
3. Sound that warns of danger.
4. Intelligent electronic machine.
5. Narrow beam of light.
6. Structure with a roof and walls.
7. A large group of people.
8. Wooden or metal cover for a window.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
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2										
3										
4						T				
5										
6										
7										
8							R			

T

D8 B8 G4 F4 A3 D6 B3 G4 A8 D8

A6 E4 F6 B3 E7 C6 G6 H6 C6 G6 D8 B8 D5

R

E2 C7 D3 B3 H2 C6 A8 D8 B8 F8 D1 D5 B2 G8 A8

F4 F2 D7 G4 F1 C6 G6 A7 B8 C6 E1 B5 H6 C7



NEWS EXTRA!

After the events at the Scolford Tower in *High Rise*, Lois Lane wrote about it in the *Daily Planet* newspaper. The article appears below but in some places three words have been written instead of one. Read the article and choose the correct words to help make the story make sense!



TOWERING CATASTROPHE by Lois Lane

It was the event of the year. Every BIG HEAD/BIGWIG/ BIG APPLE in GOTHAM CITY/NEW YORK CITY/ METROPOLIS/ had been invited to the opening of the new Scolford CIRCUS/ BRIDGE/ TOWER. The building was the creation of a brilliant designer called Nixon Goss. Goss used his genius to create the SKYSCRAPER/ TUNNEL/ MERRY-GO-ROUND to be run completely by a MAN CALLED NOAH/GIRAFFE/ COMPUTER.

Unfortunately, Goss had scanned in his own BRAIN/ FLOWER /KNITTING pattern into the computer. This meant that it also adopted Goss's fears of having his TROUSERS/ DINNER/IDEAS stolen. As soon as it was switched on-line the computer trapped all the party-goers inside the building. It was

scared that it was being invaded and protected itself with floating laser drones which blasted deadly MOON/SUN/LASER beams at anyone or anything that tried to harm the building.

Some people in the building tried hard to work out the computer's FAVOURITE TV PROGRAMME/BIRTHDAY/ PASSWORD to turn it off.

Luckily, SUPERMAN/ BATMAN/WONDER WOMAN learned of the problem and came to the rescue. The building fought off the super INTENDANT/ HERO/POWER. But in the end, the man of CHROMIUM/STEEL/ MERCURY was stronger, and he ripped open the shutters, freeing all the people.

At the same time a clever PHOTOGRAPHER/REPORTER/ EDITOR from this newspaper worked out the password which switched off the computer, enabling everyone to leave in safety.



ANSWERS



WHO'S HIDDEN?

FIT THEM IN



1 M A N I A C
2 F A C T O R Y
3 N I G H T
4 C A P T U R E
5 C O L L E A G U E
6 T Y R E
7 C A S H



The letters spell:

ESCAPE

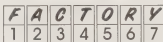


BEAT WORDS

ALL MIXED UP



1. NEAT
2. FEET
3. SEAT
4. EAT
5. WHEAT
6. PETE
7. BLEAT
8. MEAT
9. HEAT
10. CHEAT
11. MEET



ALPHABET GAME



ANTEATER	JACKAL	SNAKE
BAT	KANGAROO	TIGER
CAMEL	LION	UNICORN
DONKEY	MOUSE	VULTURE
ELEPHANT	NEWT	WHALE
FLAMINGO	OSTRICH	XENICIADAE
GIRAFFE	PORCUPINE	YAK
HORSE	QUAIL	ZEBRA
IGUANA	REINDEER	

A xeniciidae is a bird.



FIND THE FACT

NEWS EXTRA!

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	
1	S	K	Y	S	C	R	A	P	E	R	
2	P	A	S	S	W	O	R	D			
3	A	L	A	R	M						
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6	B	U	I	L	D	I	N	G			
7	C	R	O	W	D						
8	S	H	U	T	T	E	R				

T H E T A L L E S T
08 88 64 64 83 06 83 64 88 08

BUILDING IN THE
A6 E4 F6 B3 E7 C6 G6 H6 C6 G6 D8 B8 D5

WORLD IS THE SEARS

T	O	W	E	R	I	N	C	H	I	C	A	G	O
F4	F2	D7	G4	F1	C6	G6	A7	B8	C6	E1	B5	H6	O7

BIGWIG •

BIGWIG •
METROPOLIS •
TOWER •
SKYSCRAPER •
COMPUTER • BRAIN •
IDEAS • LASER •
PASSWORD •
SUPERMAN • HERO •
STEEL • REPORTER





Superman fights a building gone haywire in...

High Rise

SUPERMAN created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster

An enormous building of chromium and glass, the new Scolford Tower, rose above the skyline of Metropolis. It also rose high above the *Daily Planet's* two top reporters, who were approaching the main entrance of the mighty skyscraper.

"Lois Lane and Clark Kent from the *Daily Planet*," said Lois to the receptionist in the entrance hall. "We're here to cover the gala opening."

"The party's on floor forty five, Miss Lane," said the receptionist. "Take the express elevators over there."

"This is quite a place," said Clark looking around as they headed for the elevators. The Scolford Tower was the newest and most advanced building in the city, a high-tech high rise with one mega-computer running its security, environment and internal workings. Today was the day of the opening party.

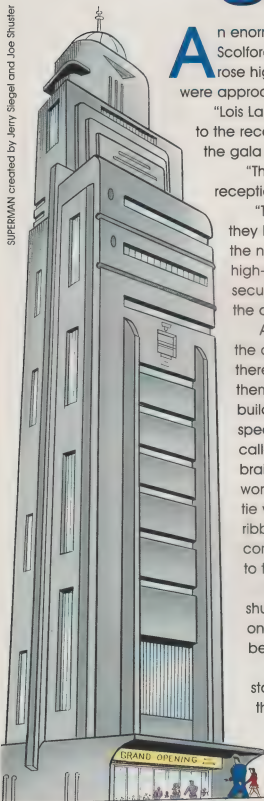
Arriving at the forty-fifth floor, Lois and Clark joined the crowd at the party. Every bigwig in Metropolis was there for the event, including Lex Luthor, who nodded to them across the room. Then Mylon Scolford, the building's owner, got up on a podium to make a short speech in which he introduced a small, nervous man called Nixon Goss. Goss was the brilliant but scatter-brained designer who had invented the building. He wore a shirt that didn't match his jacket and a ghastly tie with a giraffe print. When the time came, Goss cut a ribbon and threw a switch that brought the building's computer on-line. Total control had been handed over to the computer. Everyone clapped.

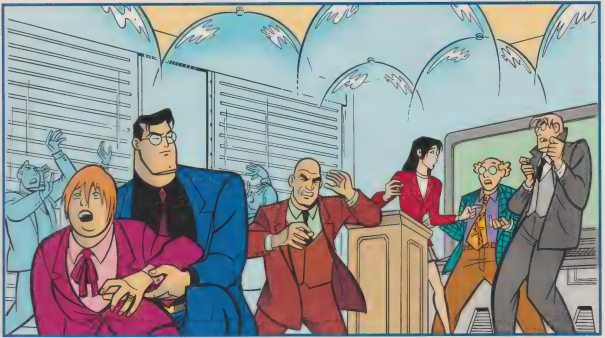
Then...CHAOS! Security blast shutters started to slam shut on doors and windows. An alarm sounded, and in one part of the room, sprinklers came on. People began to panic.

In the confusion, Lois made her way over to the startled Scolford and a bewildered Goss. She asked them what was going on.

"The computer's gone crazy!" cried Scolford. "It's locked us in! We're all trapped!"

"Well, there's no reason to panic," said Lois.





"Indeed not," came Lex Luthor's stern voice. "Just take the computer system off-line and un-trap us all."

"I can't," Scolford admitted, working at the console. "Nothing is responding. I'm shut out."

"Then someone outside will rescue us. Call the police." Lois was direct and serious.

"All external communication lines have been severed—" began Scolford. "Oh no!"

"What?" growled Luthor.

"The computer has reversed the building's air pumps. In ten minutes time, all the air's going to be gone...and everyone will suffocate!"

Clark was helping people out from under the drenching sprinklers and trying to calm them down. With his super hearing he heard the conversation on the other side of the room. He realised the situation needed more than just a calming voice. He managed to slip into a side room out of sight...and a second later the mighty red and blue form of Superman leaped out. In a flash, Superman zoomed towards the window shutters to break the sealed building open and let the air in. He tore into it, but it did not buckle.

Lois saw this. "It's Superman! But he can't break us out!"

Scolford said, "The shutters are reinforced by an energised wall force designed as an anti-terrorist measure."

Luthor pushed Scolford aside. "You've built a death trap here! Let me try and deactivate the computer!"

Meanwhile, Superman exerted his strength against the energy shield, and felt it begin to give. But the building sensed this, and identifying him as a terrorist threat, launched laser drones to attack him. Superman was blasted away from the shutter by the high powered lasers that the floating robot drones were armed with. The wild firing of the drones was an added risk to the public. Superman had to stop them too!

By this time, Lois was questioning the computer's designer, Goss. She felt he had the best chance of solving the problem. "What do you think has gone wrong, Mr. Goss?" she asked gently. Goss explained that he had scanned his own brain pattern as a template with which to program the brain of the computer, and this must have accidentally duplicated his own character flaws in the computer's mind. Goss admitted he was terrified of people stealing his ideas, and so now the building too must be obsessively trying to protect itself from the party-goers, imagining they were trying to steal its secrets.

"Don't you have a password you can use to turn it off?" asked Lois.

Goss smiled nervously. "The computer is completely self-sufficient. It even picks its own password."

"But if it's based on your mind, it will choose a word **you** would have chosen!" Lois suggested.

"But guessing precisely what could take hours, and we have ten minutes!" rumbled Luthor from nearby.

"Seven minutes and counting, actually," said Scolford. Already the air was becoming thin and dry.

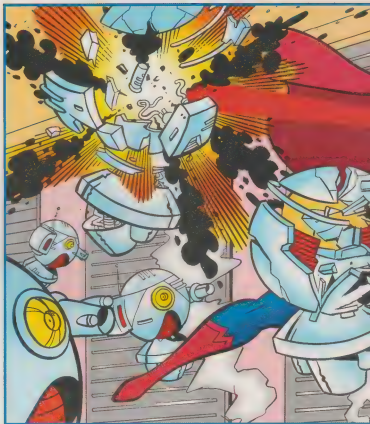
"If I could get a link to my people at Lexcorp, I could get them to initiate a codebreaker program." Lex pulled out his mobile phone. A second later, it was blasted from his hand by a laser beam from one of the drones.

"The building's not going to let you!" said Lois as they all ducked behind the podium. "I suggest you let Mr. Goss have a go after all."

Agreeing angrily, Lex demanded that Goss start to figure out what that word or phrase could be. Frightened, Goss began to whimper.

"Yelling at him isn't going to do any good, Mr. Luthor," snapped Lois. "He needs a clear mind if he's going to guess the word."

Goss sat at the keyboard and thought for a moment. "I don't know where to start," he sighed. He tried his birthday, his favourite colour, his favourite football team. Nothing...



Superman continued to battle the fast, deadly laser drones to get at the shutter. He knew there were barely minutes left before everybody started to pass out from lack of air. His fists smashed into two of the drones, and he used his heat-vision to incinerate



another. But once more, the building tried to counter his threat—Superman was hurled out into the corridor by the pounding force of the high-pressure foam sprays from the fire-prevention system. He drove himself against the foam and ripped out the pipes. But then more robot laser drones attacked. There was no end to the building's defences.

Now Lois was at the keyboard, trying various combinations as Goss paced and Luthor fumed. Lois looked at Goss. "What about *giraffe*?" she asked, looking at the animals on his tie. It didn't work.

"I like animals generally," said Goss. "When I was a boy, my favourite toy was a wooden ark with all the animals. I think that's why I became interested in building structures where people could be safe."

"Unlike *here*," remarked Luthor dryly.

Lois tried some animal names, then *ark*, then *Noah*, then *flood*. Nothing worked. "What about..." said Lois, "...this?" and started to type.

Dripping, scorched and battered, Superman smashed aside the last drone and sank his fingers into the window shutter again. No force shield was going to stop him now. His huge strength ripped the shutter away and air rushed into the thin atmosphere of the building.

But then he noticed that the building's air pumps had reversed again. Air was coming back in anyway. Shutters opened and the party-goers raced for the exit.

"Where have you been?" asked Lois as Clark rejoined her. "I went to check the elevators and got stuck in one," Clark said quickly. "What happened?"

"She cracked the code," said Goss from nearby. "She used the phrase *two by two*! and it shut the computer down."

"I'm sorry," said Clark.

"Two by two...that's how the animals went into Noah's ark, and that's what the computer had chosen as a password," smiled Lois. "The computer went wrong because it duplicated in itself the fears and worries in Mr. Goss's mind... but that also meant that Mr. Goss was the key to the answer."

"Two by two..." mused Clark.

"That's right," said Lois, "and that's exactly how you and I should be leaving this place—before anything else happens!"

THE END

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T U B E R M U N S M

Name (of child).....

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COMMISSIONER JAMES GORDON

HERO PROFILE

Secret Identity:

None

Occupation:

Commissioner, Gotham City Police Department

Known Relatives:

Barbara Gordon
(daughter)

Base of Operations:

Gotham City

Height: 5' 9"

Weight: 77 kilos

Eyes: Blue

Hair: White

Background:

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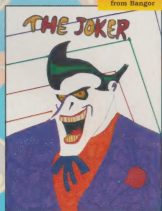
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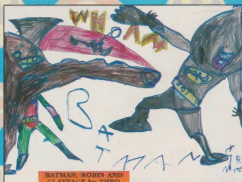


SUPERMAN
by DARREN LESTER
from Carterton



I have read Batman since I was two years old. Now I am nine and have collected Batman computer games, toys, books, videos and comics. I love all the stories, quizzes and puzzles in the comic.

From Craig Fennell
Liverpool



BATMAN, ROBIN AND
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AMY & THOMAS FELL
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Every time I get my comic I also look forward to seeing what's in the next issue! And I love the villain profiles; they tell me all about the characters who join Batman in the stories.

From William Lochrie
Lancaster

BATMAN
by JAMES TUDHOPE
from Addlestone



THE DARK KNIGHT
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by MARTIN GILLESPIE
from Glasgow



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by LIAM SMYTHE
from Huddersfield

I really like Batman because I like being a super hero myself! So, Batman is the right guy for me. I love reading the comic strips, because at the end they really start to fight!

From Jamie Ricketts
Eastleigh

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it's no battle of words! Lois develops

super human strength—so much strength, in fact, that Superman is all but defeated by her. How can this be? Find out next month in this story—full of impact!



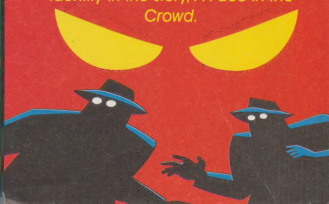
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Name the villains in the pictures and fill in this picture crossword puzzle!

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